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This young woman is said to be the
aicee of the old man who owns the gun
shop, whom King invites out for a drink
tt a cafe across the street. The old man
ells King the history of the young prince
of the realm, who governs the land under
a regency. His mother and father the
atter an American, having been killed
in a railroad wreck some years before.
The old man resents all attempts to refer
to his niece, but gives King a very good
distory of the country and the court,
particularly calling attention to John
fulls, the American friend of the prince's
ather, who is the real power behind the
throne. As the old man leaves to return
to his shop, King finds that he is being
watched by Baron Dangloss, minister of
boolice. Glancing across the street, he sees un maker before he enters his shop. As ling saunters away the blind above the bop opens and the gun maker's niece ends a shy, impulsive smile in his direc-

### CHAPTER II.

A MEETING OF THE CABINET. T THIS time the principality of Graustark was in a most prosperous condition. Its affair were under the control of an able ministry, headed by the venerable Count Halfont. The duke of Perse, for years a resident of St. Petersburg, and a financier of high standing, had returned to Edelweiss soon after the distressing death of the late Princess Yet-ive and her American husband, and to him was intrusted the treasury port.

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no inconsiderable following among the deputies.

But John Tullis was not in Edelweiss for the purpose of meddling with state aftairs. He was there because he elected to stand mentor to the son of his life-long friend, even though that son was a prince of the blood and controlled by the will of three regents chosen by his own subjects. He was there to watch over the doughty little chap, who one day would be ruler unrestrained, but who now was a boy to be loved and coddled and reprimanded in the general process of man-making.

To say that the tiny prince loved his big, adoring mentor would be putting it too gently; he idolized him. Tullis was father, mother and big brother to the little fellow in knickers. The American was a big, broadshouldered man, reddish haired and ruddy cheeked, with cool gray eyes; his sandy moustache was closely cropped and turned up ever so slightly at the corners of his mouth. Despite his coloring, his face was somewhat sombereven stern—when in repose. It was his fine, enveloping smile that made friends for him wherever he listed, with men and with women. More frequently than otherwise it made more than friends of the latter.

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One woman in Graustark was the source of never-ending and constantly nereasing interest to this stalwart companion to the prince. That woman was, tlas: the wife of another man. More-

alas: the wife of another man. Moreover, she was the daughter of the Duke
of Perse.

The young and witty Countess of
Marlanx came often to Edelweiss. She
was a favorite at the castle, notwithstanding the unhealthy record of her
ancient and discredited husband, the
iron count. Tullis had not seen the
count, but he had heard such tales of
him that he could not but pity this
glorious young creature who called him
husband. There is an old saying about
the kinship of pity. Not that John
Tullis was actually in love with the
charming countess. He was, to be perfectly candid, very much interested in irming countess. He was, to be per-tly candid, very much interested in and very much distressed by the t that she was bound to a venerable robate who dared not put his foot Graustark soil because once he had

lands, e opening of this narrative finds ministry preparing to float a new million gavve issue of bonds for struction and equipment purposes, some of the government were ready depart for London and Paris to take the matter with the great banking ages. St. Petersburg and Berlin were ready to be given the opportunity to gobup these extremely fine securities as seemingly extraordinary exclusion Russian and German bidders was the suit of vigorous objections raised by utter outsider, the American, John allis, lone time friend and companion Grenfall Lorry, consort to the late sincess.

Tullis was a strange man in many and rebellious. No end of royal nursaticulars. He was under forty years f age, but even at that rather impature time of life he had come to be ecognized as a shrewd, successful finandal power in his home city, New York, At the very zenith of his power he suddenly, and with Quixotic disregard for came off with a battered dignity and a chastened opinion of certain small fry who could not have been more than fry who could not have been m

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